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1. DURING MY CONVERSATION WITH FORMIN KABORE AUG 3, I EXPLAINED REASONS FOR US ABSTENTION ON SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONDEMNING SOUTH AFRICA FOR INCURSION INTO ZAMBIAN TERRITORY. I MADE POINTS CONTAINED PARAS 3, 4, 5 AND 6 OF REFTEL A AND STRESSED THAT US WAS READY TO JOIN IN CONCENSUS BUT THAT DECISION TO HAVE RECORDED VOTE LEFT US NO CHOICE. I TOOK THIS OCCASION TO GIVE KABORE FRENCH TEXT OF SECRETARY'S SPEECH OF AUG 2 WHICH HE SAID HE WOULD READ WITH GREAT INTEREST.

2. KABORE DID NOT APPEAR TO BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON ZAMBIAN COMPLAINT. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT HE WAS PLEASED THE UNITED STATES WAS AT LAST CONCERNING ITSELF WITH PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA. HE EXPRESSED OPINION THAT TIME WAS FAST RUNNING OUT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, BUT, THAT THERE WAS STILL A CHANCE FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION
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WHICH WOULD LEAD TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MULTIRACIAL SOCIETY.

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3. IT MAY OR MAY NOT BE SIGNIFICANT THAT KABORE THEN MADE PRACTICALLY SAME REMARKS THOSE OF MALIAN FORMIN AS REPORTED PARA 3 REFTEL B. HE SAID THAT SOUTH AFRICAN WHITES WERE AFRICANS WHO HAD NO TIES OUTSIDE OF AFRICA AND WHO, THEREFORE, CONSIDERED AFRICA AS THEIR CONTINENT TO THE SAME EXTENT AS BLACK AFRICANS DID. THEY HAD NOWHERE ELSE TO GO, AND UPPER VOLTA FOR ONE WAS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THOSE WHO ADVOCATED THE EXPULSION OF THE SOUTHERN WHITES. HE FELT THAT THERE WERE SOME AMONG THOSE WHITES WHO WERE QUIETLY WORKING FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION AND HE HOPED THAT WITH THE POWER AND PRESTIGE OF THE UNITED STATES BEHIND THEM THEY COULD SUCCEED IN THEIR ENDEAVOR.
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